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A LETTER FROM THE EX-PRESIDENT

He Gives Gen. Bragg to Understand That He Will Accept a Nomination, but Will Not Scramble for It—Gen. Alger Presents His War Record in Reply to Dana's Imputations.

MILWAUKEE, March 15.—The Daily Journal publishes a letter from Grover Cleveland which removes all doubt that he will be a candidate before the Chicago convention. Cleveland writes in response to a letter from General Edward S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, author of the famous phrase: "We love him for the enemies he has made." Following is the full text of Bragg's letter, dated at Fond du Lac, Wis., March 5, 1892:

SIR:—But a few months since the promise of Democratic success in the coming national election, with the resulting deliverance from excessive taxation and the more iniquitous tributes to favored classes which our tariff laws inflict on the people, was bright and cheering. In every quarter you were looked to as one who by your former official conduct, your abilities, character and courage stood foremost as the embodiment and expression of the popular cause and the popular hope; and upon you an almost universal expectation was fixed as the proper representative and leader of the cause and the party.

Calls on Cleveland to Speak.
But recently distraction has distressed our councils and cast a cloud over the prospect. In some part contributory to this have been reiterated reports that you would not stand for the presidential nomination, and a want of the concert and organization requisite to give form to the popular purpose. Friends of your candidacy have found themselves on different sides of minor questions where their co-operation should have been expected with benefit. I need not suggest to you that the political action of a great people can only be wisely directed by means of intelligent and trustworthy leadership, organization, concentration, and continuity of effort, with distinct ends in view not less than clear principles. Your reserve has been in worthy keeping with your wisdom and your good sense of government to our people; and as your fellow Democrat and fellow-citizen, I ask you to say to your party and the people that your name may be presented to the national Democratic convention as a candidate for president if the people shall, as I believe they will, choose you for this office. Sincerely yours,
EDWARD S. BRAGG.

Why a Statement is Necessary.
Many entertain fears that you may decline further public duty, which none but you can effectively remove, and your voice will be everywhere heard with benefit and effect. I believe your usefulness to the nation may be greater now than ever in the past, to carry to victory the cause of tariff reform, and to restore the blessing of good government to our people; and as your fellow Democrat and fellow-citizen, I ask you to say to your party and the people that your name may be presented to the national Democratic convention as a candidate for president if the people shall, as I believe they will, choose you for this office. Sincerely yours,
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MR. CLEVELAND'S REPLY.

Will Not Lead a Self-Seeking Canvass for the Great Office.
To the foregoing letter Cleveland replied March 9, from Lakewood, N. J., as follows:

MR. DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 5th inst. is received. I have thought until now that I might continue silent on the subjects which, under the high sanction of your position as my "fellow Democrat and fellow citizen," and in your relation as a candidate for president, you present to me. If, in answering your questions, I might only consider my personal desires and my individual ease and comfort, my response would be promptly made, and without the least reservation or doubt. But if you are right in supposing that the subject is related to a duty I owe to the country and to my party, a condition exists which makes such private and personal considerations entirely irrelevant.

The Presidency a People's Office.
I cannot, however, refrain from declaring to you that my experience in the great office of president of the United States has so impressed me with the solemnity of the trust and its awful responsibilities that I cannot bring myself to regard a candidacy for the place as something to be won by personal strife and active self-assertion. I have also an idea that the presidency is pre-eminently the people's office, and I have been sincere in my constant advocacy of the active participation in political affairs on the part of all our citizens; consequently I believe the people should be heard in the choice of their party candidates, and that they themselves should make nominations directly as is consistent with a fair and full party organization and methods.

Anxious for His Party's Success.
I speak of these things solely for the purpose of advising you that my conception of the nature of the presidential office and my conviction that the voters of our party should be free in the selection of their candidate, preclude the possibility of my leading and pushing a self-seeking canvass for the presidential nomination, even if I had a desire to be again a candidate. Believing that the complete supremacy of Democratic principles means increased national prosperity and the increased happiness of our people, I am earnestly anxious for the success of my party.

A Hint to the Statesmen.
I am confident success is still within our reach, but I believe this is a time for Democratic thoughtfulness and deliberation, not only as to candidates, but concerning party action upon questions of national importance to the patriotic and intelligent voters of the land, who watch for an assurance of safety as the price of their confidence and support.
Yours very truly,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

GEN. ALGER'S WAR RECORD.

He Prints the Official Documents Bearing Thereupon.

DETROIT, March 15.—The Detroit Tribune prints two pages of General Alger's reply to the critics of his war record. His reply takes the form of the publication of the record itself and purports to give all the papers now on file in the war department relative to the absences, promotions, and final discharge of the general. It includes favorable indorsements from time to time. The portion that answers the charges made by the New York Sun is the most interesting. The report and recommendations of General Custer are also interesting, as it was upon Custer's report that Alger's dismissal for absence without leave was recommended.

The Great Cavalryman's Report.

Sept. 16, 1894, General Custer reported to Captain A. E. Dana, A. G., that Alger left the command Aug. 28 to rejoin it near Halltown and had not been on hand since; that he (Custer) did not know that Alger was absent until late on the day he left, when Assistant Surgeon St. Claire, of the First Michigan cavalry, presented an application for leave of absence for twenty days for Alger, stating that Alger was indisposed. Custer says that Alger "had, two or three times previous to this, applied for a similar leave of absence

when in my opinion he was fit for duty, and which opinion subsequently proved to be correct, as it has in the case now referred to, I returned Colonel Alger's application without my approval."

The Report Was Passed Along.
Custer says that he first heard of Alger at the Eutaw house in Baltimore, and later at Washington, where Alger had a detail on a court-martial; Custer had, Alger reported absent without leave, and says: "He left this command without authority and after having been refused a leave of absence from these headquarters." The next officer to have anything to do with the foregoing report was General Merritt, who forwarded it to the chief of cavalry with the remark that severe measures should be taken. Chief of Cavalry Forbush took severe measures, recommending dismissal from the service, because the evil of absence without leave was a growing one and needed checking.

What Phil Sheridan Wrote.
General Phil Sheridan passed on the report next saying that it was evident that Alger had left his command without authority, "and it appears he has done so before. I have always considered Colonel Alger a good officer, but cannot excuse his conduct or withhold my approval of the recommendation of his immediate commanders."

The Colonel's Honorable Discharge.
The last of the official documents reads as follows:
WAR DEPARTMENT, A. G. O., Sept. 23, 1894.—Respectfully returned. This officer was honorably discharged from the service by S. O. 311, Sept. 30, 1891, from this office.

T. M. VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.
On Aug. 6, 1894, a month and ten days before General Custer's report, Colonel Alger wrote a letter to Secretary Stanton tendering his resignation because his private business was in such shape as absolutely to require his presence at home if he would save himself from ruin. The president indorsed the letter Aug. 8, 1894, "Let this resignation be accepted."

Went Back to the Ranks Again.
This acceptance by the president was dated a month and eight days earlier than the date of General Custer's letter regarding Alger. After leaving the president, with his accepted resignation in his possession, Colonel Alger learned that there was prospect of an active campaign in the Shenandoah Valley. He did not present his resignation at the war department, but hastily rearranged his business as well as possible and started for the scene of operations, arriving on account of misinformation as to the time of the departure of the train, one day late.

Had to Resign Again.
Six weeks later, on Sept. 16, 1894, the date of General Custer's report, and seven days before he had received his final indorsements, he tendered his resignation anew. The same day it was accepted by the president. The acceptance was indorsed by the secretary of war on Sept. 17, and by special order of Sept. 20, 1894, signed by Adjutant General E. D. Townsend, he was honorably discharged from the service of the United States.

Some Strong Endorsements.
A letter is included in the record from General Custer to the secretary of war, dated Oct. 19, 1893, in which Custer recommends him for a brigadier generalship, saying: "As an officer and a gentleman Colonel Alger justly enjoys the highest esteem of both his command and his commanding officers," and some more of the same if not more so. Jan. 30, 1894, the application was renewed, answered by Phil Sheridan and approved by General Meade and General Grant, while Sheridan wrote "I have a brigade to give him."

That Title of "General."
General Alger was afterward brevetted a brigadier general of volunteers and on Feb. 27, 1897, by order of Secretary Stanton, was ordered appointed a brevet major general of volunteers. These brevet commissions were signed by President Johnson and General Alger was politically opposed.

Something Like the Quay Case.
OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—John Schoengen, Democratic candidate for school board in Council Bluffs, has sued the Nonpareil for \$10,000 libel. The election occurred yesterday and the Nonpareil issued an extra in the morning charging Schoengen with embezzlement in Des Moines some years ago, and added that William Groneweg assisted in the crime and is now serving a term in the penitentiary for it.

Bayard Protests Against Free Silver.
WILMINGTON, Del., March 15.—In an open letter to the Democratic party of the United States printed in an afternoon paper in the shape of an interview, Thomas F. Bayard draws a vivid picture of the evils he believes would follow the passage of the free silver bill, protesting against such action by the house and insisting that a cheap dollar is always a robber of the laborer.

Senator Hill at Jackson, Miss.
JACKSON, March 15.—Senator Hill and his party reached Jackson at 11:15 Tuesday morning. The senator was escorted to the governor's mansion and then to the capitol, where he addressed the legislature. He left Jackson between 4 and 5 o'clock for Birmingham, where he is booked to make a speech.

FRIGHTFUL DISASTER.

Three Hundred Colliers Entombed in a Belgium Mine.

BRUSSELS, March 12.—There is weeping and wailing at the Anderluis colliery, near Charleroi. Around the pit-mouth are gathered hundreds of women and children rending the air with their despairing cries, while down in the depths of the mine over 300 men and women are entombed. How many are dead is not known for it has been impossible to penetrate the passage-ways, but if the list does not reach 100 it will be a miracle. The cause of all this was an explosion in the second gallery, 500 feet from the surface. It wrecked the shaft, tumbled the gallery into ruins, choking it up with timbers and debris, and of all the men and women at work there but eighty have reached the surface, thirty of whom are dead and seven wounded. Forty escaped through a second shaft.

The Elder in a Bad Situation.

LONDON, March 12.—It is feared that the Elder, the German steamship wrecked near Atherfield, Isle of Wight, is a hopeless loss. A gale is sweeping the coast and heavy seas are breaking over the vessel, sweeping the decks and burying the Elder at times out of sight. All attempts at raising her have ceased for the present.

Secretary Blaine Still on the Mend.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Secretary Blaine was much better yesterday. James G. Blaine, Jr., said last night that he appeared very cheerful and it is thought he will be able to go out in a day or two.

Beware of Swindlers.

We have exposed, during the last year, many swindlers who advertise, under the name of medicine, vile compounds which only increase human suffering. To all who need a pure medicine and blood purifier, we can honestly recommend Sulphur Bitters.—Editor Sun.

Wheat Does Not Grow Wild.

The existence of names for wheat in the most ancient languages confirms the evidence of its great antiquity and of its cultivation in the more temperate parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. From the evidence adduced by botanists of high standing, it seems highly improbable that wheat has never been found growing persistently in a wild state, although it has often been asserted by poets, travelers and historians.

In the Odyssey, for example, we are told that wheat formerly grew in Sicily without the aid of man. Diodorus repeats the tradition that Osiris found wheat and barley growing promiscuously in Palestine, but neither this nor other reputed discoveries of wheat growing wild seem at all credible, seeing that it does not appear to be endowed with the power of persistency, except under continued culture.—St. Louis Republic.

Dickens as an Art Critic.

The son of a neighbor of Dickens, then a very young artist—indeed, quite a boy—had painted his first picture, the subject being an aged knight in full armor, apparently having recently returned from the wars, and overcome with fatigue. Finding himself unable to reach his ancestral castle, he sinks exhausted on a fallen tree in a sort of orchard, and some cottage children bring him some fruit to recruit his exhausted strength. Dickens took great interest in the young artist—who, by the way, is now very eminent—and greatly admired his picture, especially the figure of the old knight; but, "My dear fellow," he said, "those apples won't be of any use—that old gentleman requires burned brandy to bring him round!"—Temple Bar.

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